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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 10, 2008, in relation to the above-identified application. Accompanying this paper is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. At the time of filing this paper via EFS-web, Applicants have charged Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-1721 the small entity fee of \$405.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) for the RCE. Applicants believe no additional fees are required for consideration of this paper; however, if a further fee is due, please charge Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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